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Department of Correction Central Office Chili Cook-off a Success for SECC

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 9, 2008)—Bowls, spoons, and bottles of antacids dotted the tables yesterday during the annual Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Central Office Chili Cook-off. Ten Central Office employees brought in their homemade chili for the event, and donations to the State Employees Community Campaign (SECC) gave everyone a taste of the chili, with a bowl of their favorite.

A five-judge panel consisting of Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman, IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss, OFBCI Executive Director Ike Randolph, IDOC Parole Services Director Kenneth Whipker, and IDOC Food Services Director John Schilling donned custom-made IDOC aprons and proceeded to put each chili to the test.



The judges deliberate on the Chili Cook-off winner.

Lieutenant Governor Skillman commended the efforts to raise money for the SECC. “You all are role models for other agencies. This event is a great way to benefit a good cause,” said Skillman.



Commissioner Buss presents Chief of Staff Ronay with the award trophy.

IDOC Chief of Staff Dan Ronay won the judge’s award and the people’s choice award, and Commissioner Buss presented him a fire extinguisher as his award.

“The enthusiasm of IDOC employees for this year’s SECC is fantastic. Not only does the SECC bring the employees together to create fun, effective events, but it also helps raise money for great causes,” said Commissioner Buss.

This year’s chili cook-off participants were Christine Zahm-Gordon, Tina Williams, Sarah Shively, Dan Ronay, Nicolas Law, Steve Hall, Aaron Garner, Cindy Gamble, Fred Arrington, and Commissioner Buss.

The event raised almost \$250 for this year’s SECC and is only one of a number of Central Office events.



Cook-off participants and attendees enjoy the variety of chili.

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